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## WINTER COMES TO NORTHWESTERN CAMPUS



### A Favorite Symbol

After the sun finally came out and the mercury in the old thermometer moved up to a point where it was visible to the naked eye, our publications photographer, Chuck Tillman, ventured out to get the above view of the water tank as it stands silhouetted against the clouds on the snow-covered, pine-clad hill across the drive from the Fine Arts Building.

Although our Yankee students scoffed at the idea of its being really cold, still we natives shivered, particularly since the official U. S. Weather Station at the City Power House had just informed

us that the  $-3^{\circ}$  recorded was the coldest recorded in Natchitoches since 1899.

Attached to the water tank is the old familiar N, gone modern now with its neon lights. The N was first set up on the old water tank that stood at the end of the women's dormitory court near the old power house. When the new tank was built on the hill just behind Co-op frame dormitory, the N was again a part of the tank. Whether the N represents Normal or Northwestern to you, it still stands as an integral part of the glory, the tradition, and the spirit of all who pass this way.

### Chemistry Group At Ark-La-Tex Section

Attending the Ark-La-Tex section of the American Chemical Society in Shreveport on February 13 were Professors A. L. Ducournau, Alan H. Crosby, Archie K. Deason, and Louis Cusachs, of the Chemistry faculty at the College. Three former graduates of NSC—Ed C. Greco, Marvin Carter, and John Falkner—were present as representatives of industry in the area.

Guest speaker at the meeting was Dr. Jesse Greenstein, Chief Biochemist of the U. S. Public Health Service.

### Mouser Goes To Washington, D. C.

Cotys M. Mouser has been appointed clerk of the U. S. Senate Committee on Agriculture and Forestry in Washington, D. C.

Coming to Northwestern State College in 1910, Mr. Mouser was assistant professor of Business. He was named Auditor of the College in 1913, and in 1917 was assigned the additional responsibility of Business Manager. In 1919 he resumed his teaching duties with the rank of associate professor.

Mr. Mouser, a native of Louisiana, received his collegiate training at Westminster College, Tehuacana, Texas, University of Texas, and Louisiana State University. Before coming to Northwestern State College he taught several years at Laredo, Texas, and Sam Houston State College at Huntsville.

According to an announcement by Senator Allen J. Ellender, Chairman of the Senate Committee on Agriculture and Forestry, Mr. Mouser will begin his new assignment on March 1. His family will remain in Natchitoches until the close of the school year.

### Mathematics Faculty Attend Meet

Professor A. C. Maddox, department head, and five members of the Mathematics faculty attended the annual joint meeting of the Louisiana-Mississippi Section of the Mathematical Association of America and the Louisiana-Mississippi branch of the National Council of Teachers of Mathematics at Mississippi State College in Starkville, on February 16-17.

Members of the faculty accompanying Mr. Maddox to the meeting were Mr. C. G. Killen, Mr. G. J. Corley, Mr. G. E. Miller, Mr. Sam W. Shelton, and Mr. Joe Hendrickson.

The joint meeting of these two organizations is scheduled to be held on the campus of Northwestern State College in February, 1952.

### Late Scores

Spring Hill College 53, Demons 50; Mississippi Southern 83, Demons 75. J. McConathy made 54 points in these two games, giving him a new GSC record total of 491 points. He has three more games to play this season.

## DEMON SWIMMERS SET RECORDS



(Photo by Guillet Studio)

Pictured above is the 1951 edition of the Demon Swim Team. The members are, reading from left to right, standing: Jack Branch, Shreveport; Jack Gaston, El Dorado, Arkansas; Hamilton Prestridge, Natchitoches; Myron Lockey, Monroe; Dennis Rider, Hodge; and Paul Foshee, Natchitoches.

Sitting: Coach John Piscopo; Robert Voorhees, Monroe; Ben Duhon, Baton Rouge; Jeff Hennessy, Monroe; Kenneth Howard, Shreveport; and Buddy Lyle, Brooklyn, N. Y., manager.

Not shown in the picture are John Steadman and Robert "Red" Miller, both of Natchitoches.

In the lower section Robert Voorhees is shown swimming freestyle as he practices for a coming meet.

## Records Shattered This Season

Breaking old and setting new records in the Natatorium seems to be the favorite pastime this season for both the Demon swimmers and the visiting teams.

In the last four swimming meets the Demons have managed to break even in winning two and losing two while competing against the best teams in the South and the Southwest. During this competition as many as six swimming records in eight events have been broken in a single meet.

The most consistent record breaker for the Demons is Myron Lockey of Monroe. After setting a new pool record in the 200-yard breaststroke event against Vanderbilt University in the first meet of the season, Lockey has lowered his own record in each of the three succeeding meets. He has succeeded in clipping more than 20 seconds from the original record.

In the 300-yard medley relay, the Demon team of Branch,

Lockey, and Voorhees have established a new record, while the 400-yard freestyle relay record was cracked by a fast relay team from Southern Methodist University.

Breaking the 2-year-old records of Bill Stovall, one of the fastest freestyle swimmers of former Demon teams, was the accomplishment of Dick Muckleroy from S. M. U. Muckleroy not only broke the records in the 50-yard freestyle and the 100-yard freestyle events but swam the anchor lap for the record-breaking 400-yard freestyle relay team from S. M. U.

Jeff Hennessy and Jack Gaston have consistently won the fancy diving contests for the Demons against all competition, while Jack Branch has won the backstroke in every meet in which he has competed. Against Texas A & M, Gaston and Branch were unable to compete because of illness.

Scores for meets through February 10 are as follows: Demons 51, Vanderbilt 21; Demons 45, Memphis Navy 30; Demons 30, S. M. U. 15; Demons 33, Texas A. & M. 12.

## Baseball Practice To Begin On March 1

Starting out the baseball season with two games against the strong Southern Illinois University nine on March 16 and 17 on the local diamond. Coach Alvin "Cracker" Brown will have only fifteen days to get the Demon baseball club ready for competition. The first baseball practice is scheduled for March 1, and there are many openings that must be filled with new faces to meet the deadline.

Only one regular player from last season's starters, Bobby Davis of Shreveport, is in school to handle the outfield. In the infield will be Ronald Martin of Natchitoches and Angel del Toro, Cabo Rojo, Puerto Rico, from the starting line-up of last year.

Letterman Sam Harper, catcher of Minden, will call signals for returning pitchers Linwood Outz of Minden, Ephie Macaluso of New Orleans, Artie Ranew of Tallahassee, Fla., William B. Calvert, Jr., of Shreveport, and Wilson W. Ronda of Cabo Rojo, P. R.

Promising recruits from the B squad and freshmen are: Chip Perot, catcher from Natchitoches; infielders Edwin Watkins from Haynesville, Ralph White from Alexandria, and Sammy Booras from Shreveport; outfielders Leon Fuller of Tallulah, Horace McCann of Cheneyville, Billy Scroggins of Natchitoches, and Jack Holley of Coushatta. Johnny Johnston of Benton may be used as utility, and Billy Jean Smith of Heflin as a pitcher.

When asked about the prospects for the 1951 season, Coach Brown stated: "We have a fine schedule if we can field a team to play it."

Opening the season with Southern Illinois University, the Demon nine will entertain local fans by playing such teams as Houston University (2 games), Barksdale Field (2 games), and Mississippi State (1 game), before getting underway in Gulf States Competition on March 27, at which time the Demons meet the Louisiana College Wildcats in Pineville.

Last season the Demons finished their schedule with a percentage of .500 in conference play, winning 8 and losing 8 games.

To reduce travel to a minimum, the Gulf States Conference is set up in two divisions. Northwestern State is in the western division, which also includes Centenary, Louisiana Tech, Louisiana College, and Southwestern.

Southwestern won the western division championship last season and went on to eliminate Loyola, winner of the eastern division, to cop the conference championship.

## ROTC Name Sponsors And Cadet Officers

Miss Jo Ann DeBate, senior from Bunkie and a Health and Physical Education major, has been selected as battalion sponsor for the ROTC unit on the campus. Serving with her are Miss Pat Bishop, Sociology major from Lake Charles, who has been chosen as sponsor for Battery A; and Miss Beth McGuffie, Home Economics major from Harrisonburg, who will sponsor Battery B.

The ROTC sponsors will be presented at the ROTC Ball which is being held this month. The Alexandria Air Base Dance Band will furnish the music for the occasion, the first social event of the local ROTC unit since its organization.

Prior to the ROTC Ball, 32 cadets will be given their cadet ranks in a formal ceremony. Leading the cadets will be Jerry E. West, who will be given the rank of Cadet Lieutenant Colonel, the highest cadet rank to be given.

Second in rank to West will be Ephie J. Macaluso and Lowell W. Vaughan, both to receive the rank of Cadet Major. They will serve as Commanders of Battery A and Battery B respectively. All other ranks down to Cadet 1st Sergeant will be conferred at the ceremony.

The present enrollment of the ROTC is 187 men according to Lieutenant Colonel James M. Bowman, PMS & T, who is in charge of the unit.



Sheila Gardner Tilley is the five-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James C. Tilley, 5355 Virginia, Shreveport. Mr. Tilley received his B. S. Degree in Commerce in 1942, and is office manager for H. & H. Transportation Company of Shreveport.

## Killen And Austin Take New Jobs

R. S. Killen, A. B. '24, veteran coach of the Lake Charles High School football teams for the last two decades, has been appointed Director of Health and Physical Education activities for the Lake Charles City Schools. During his service as coach of Lake Charles High School, Killen turned out several championship teams, and many of his former players have acquired All-American recognition in collegiate and professional sports.

His popularity as a coach is demonstrated by the fact that the football field at Lake Charles High has been named Killen Field.

He is most deserving of the promotion that has come his way, and we are confident he will have the same success in his new position as he enjoyed as a coach.

### AUSTIN REPLACES KILLEN

James T. (Jimmie) Austin, B. S. '37, head coach at Haynesville High School for several years, has gained for himself quite a reputation as a coach of championship football teams while directing the Golden Tornado of Haynesville. He was selected by Superintendent G. W. Ford as the man most able to fill the place vacated by Killen's promotion. He has just recently moved to his new position, and our prediction is that he will give the Lake Charles High School the type of teams they desire and to which they have been accustomed.



William Burris is celebrating his first birthday as his sister, Lynn, age three and one-half years, sits by to guarantee he is not thrown from his bronco. These are the children of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph H. Burris (Gwendolyn Sylvest, A. B. '43), who reside in Franklinton.

## Demons Win Six Of Last Eight Games

Snapping out of an early season slump in Gulf States Conference competition, when they lost 3 games in succession, the Demons have won six and lost two of the last eight games played. This gives them a conference record of 6 wins and 5 losses, and a season record of 13 wins and 8 losses.

Outstanding scorer for the Demons is Johnny McConathy, six-foot five-inch center from Bryceland, who has made a total of 137 points for a game average of 20.8 points in 21 games. With five games yet to be played, he should break the conference record of 480 points established by Claude "Jodie" Stoutamire in 1949.

Only six times during the existence of the Gulf States Conference (this is the third year of operation) has more than 400 points been scored. Stoutamire, leading the conference in 1949 and 1950, made 480 points in 1949 and 428 points in 1950. Demon Bernard "Tussie" Waggoner scored 469 points in 1949, his senior year. Bishop of Mississippi Southern College passed the 400 mark last season and edged into the select circle again this year at the end of his 25th game. McConathy has garnered 437 points this season and with fair success in scoring should reach the 500 point or above.

Heartening to the Demons in recent play is the return to form of Hershal McConathy, diminutive forward from Florien, who has regained his eye for the basket. Ranew, Outz, and Yergler have been hustling the ball; their work, combined with the fine play of Pender, Hildebrand, and Davis, has been responsible for the Demon upsurge in the win column.

Scores for all games played this season, through February 13, are as follows: Demons 87, Lamar Tech 55; Demons 83, Lamar Tech 61; Demons 56, Southeastern Okla. 52; Demons 49, Southeastern Oklahoma 41; Demons 60, Henderson State College 42; Demons 86, Henderson State College 75; Demons 50, Washburn 59; Demons 69, East Central Oklahoma 64; Demons 78, Maryville, Missouri, 84; Demons 61, Arkansas State 78; Demons 56, Southwestern 74; Demons 58, Loyola 68; Demons 61, Centenary 63; Demons 76, Louisiana Tech 57; Demons 65, Southeastern 80; Demons 56, Loyola 53; Demons 75, Louisiana College 49; Demons 51, Spring Hill College 56; Demons 66, Louisiana Tech 64; Demons 71, Southwestern 52; Demons 67, Louisiana College 65.



(Photo by Guillet Studio)

Big Johnny McConathy is caught here dribbling the ball out of a pocket formed by Loyola players in an effort to keep him from scoring. Bob Pender, wearing number 4, is trying to break in to assist Johnny clear the ball. Impossible as it appears at the instant, the ball was passed out and the Demons chalked up two more points.

## Libraries Set Up For Nursing Students

To provide its students in nursing training with a library of ready reference, Northwestern State is establishing libraries in various hospitals in Northern Louisiana.

Miss Olive L. Roberts, Associate Professor of Library Science, is engaged in organizing and setting up such libraries in hospitals in Shreveport, Monroe, and Alexandria in connection with the nursing program on the campus.

Miss Roberts spent three days last week in establishing a library for the home for nurses in Shreveport, and this week will return to arrange a reference library for doctors in the Shreveport Charity Hospital.

Working in conjunction with Miss Graham Price, Director of the Department of Nursing, Miss Roberts has also set up libraries for student nurses at the E. A. Conway Memorial Hospital in Monroe and the Baptist Hospital in Alexandria.

## District Basketball Tourney Here February 22-24

More than ninety teams have registered for the Northwest Louisiana District Basketball Tournament to be held on the campus the week-end of February 22, 23 and 24, according to Coach H. H. Turpin, Director of Rallies.

All championship clubs from last year are returning to defend their laurels in the three-day meet. This includes boys and girls teams in Class A, Class B, and Class C.

Drawings have been made and teams are paired off according to schedule. Four gymnasiums will be in use for the tournament, three on the campus and St. Mary's gymnasium up town.

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# **THAT REGISTRATION DAY LINE**



Familiar lines on Registration Day are shown here, as the longest line extends the length of Caldwell Hall and back to the Business office.

Total registration to date for the spring semester is 1,395. This is 174 short of the registration last fall, when 1,569 registered. Despite reductions brought about by graduation and enlistments in the armed forces, the registration for the spring semester was better than expected; transfer students and entering freshmen made some compensations for the numbers lost.

## **NSC GRAD REPRESENTS STATE AT CUBAN CELEBRATION**

When Cuba held its celebration of the fiftieth anniversary of its public education, Miss George A. Huff, A. B. '32, 178 Convention Street, Baton Rouge, was selected as Louisiana's representative to attend the two-week celebration.

Cuba invited one public school classroom teacher from each state in the United States as its guest for the meeting, which was held December 18 to January 1. The two weeks were spent seeing the island, and attending special lectures and seminars where the teachers met and discussed inter-American understanding as well as other subjects of interest to the group.

Miss Huff claims Jackson, Louisiana, as her home although she

was born in Centerville, Mississippi. She and her parents moved to Jackson when she was eight years of age.

She completed her work for the A. B. Degree at Northwestern in 1932 and began her teaching career at Franklin. She then moved to Lake Providence for several years, and later accepted a position at Mangham. From Mangham she moved to Baton Rouge and is teaching second grade at Southdowns School.

Her outstanding work in education in all sections of the State made her an excellent choice as a representative of the classroom teachers of Louisiana. In addition she was the recipient of a well-deserved honor as well as a delightful vacation.

## **Cupid's Doings**

MISS FLORENE WEAVER, student at the College from Ashland, and Mr. Tommy Hillman Toms, also from Ashland, were married at the Bienville Methodist Church recently. They will be at home in Natchitoches, and the bride will continue her studies at the College.

Miss Billye Jo Stricklin of Lamesa, Texas, and LARKIN RANDOLPH LAY III, B. S. '47, of Homer, were married in the First Baptist Church, Lamesa, on January 19. The young couple will reside at 710 North Main Street, Homer.

MISS ANITA FRANCES DUPREE, former student, and James A. Robinson, both of Shreveport, were married in Wedding Bell Chapel, San Diego, California, on January 20. The bride will return to Shreveport while the groom, who is in the U. S. Navy, is being sent to overseas duty.

MISS LOUISA JOHNSON, of Chestnut, and Mr. Henry C. Moore, Jr., of Baytown, Texas, were married at the Briarwood Baptist Church, near Saline, on January 21. The bride, a student in medical technology at the College, and the

groom will make their home in Houston, Texas. They are both doing their intern work at Methodist Hospital to complete the course in medical technology.

Miss Helen Veriece Smart, of El Dorado, Arkansas, and HERMAN R. RANDALL, former student, of Manifest, were married at Ingleside Baptist Church, Shreveport, on January 27. They will reside at 621A Robinson Place, Shreveport.

MISS MURIEL MAUREEN DEAN, former student of Leesville, and Mr. Paul Raymond Sliman, also of Leesville, were married in St. Michael's Catholic Church on January 28. The young couple will make their home in Leesville.

MISS BETTY LYNN GOLDSBY, A. B. '51, of Harmon and JOHN HENRY COLLINS, former student, also of Harmon, were married at the First Methodist Church, Coushatta, on February 2. They will make their home in Harmon.

MISS JEANETTE LAFLEUR, B. S. '19, of Oakdale, and Mr. Rayford K. Williamson of Baskin, were married at the First Baptist Church of Minden on February 11. The bride is a member of the faculty of Minden High School.

## **BASEBALL SCHEDULE**

March 16	Southern Illinois University .....	Natchitoches
March 17	Southern Illinois University .....	Natchitoches
March 20	Houston University .....	Natchitoches
March 21	Houston University .....	Natchitoches
March 23	Barksdale Field ..	Barksdale
March 24	Barksdale Field .....	Barksdale
March 26	Mississippi State .....	Natchitoches
March 27	Louisiana College .....	Pineville
March 28	Louisiana College ....	Natchitoches
March 29	Illinois State Normal University .....	Natchitoches
April 3	Louisiana Tech .....	Ruston
April 4	Louisiana Tech .....	Natchitoches
April 7	Lamar Tech ....	Beaumont
April 9	Sam Houston .....	Natchitoches
April 13	Southwestern .....	Natchitoches
April 14	Southwestern .....	Natchitoches
April 17	Centenary .....	Shreveport
April 18	Centenary .....	Natchitoches
April 21	Sam Houston .....	Huntsville, Texas
April 24	Louisiana Tech .....	Natchitoches
April 25	Louisiana Tech .....	Ruston
April 28	Lamar Tech ..	Natchitoches
May 1	Louisiana College .....	Natchitoches
May 2	Louisiana College .....	Pineville
May 4	Southwestern .....	Lafayette
May 5	Southwestern .....	Lafayette
May 8	Centenary .....	Shreveport
May 9	Centenary .....	Natchitoches





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